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Letters to the Editor



We are Americans, not ethnics

To the editor;

The more I read headlines such as "University Termed Insensitive to Franco-Americans" the more disgusted I get. Such gross and all-encompassing statements lead me to feel pity—pity for those who write articles, make unfounded charges, generalize and discredit our University. To the aforementioned I ask "What do you want?"

Perhaps if we have French Toast at all breakfasts you would be happy. Or maybe mandatory French Fries at all dinners? Not bad for a start—maybe we can fly the French Flag instead of the Star Spangled Banner. Would you be satisfied with that? Would you like a French interpreter in each classroom? Is calculus any

different in French? Is there a special way to interpret Asian History in French? Is the Anatomy and Physiology of the Frenchman different?

The point that I make here is that the UMO campus is in a sense a "melting pot" where all peoples come together and live and interact for four years or so. Such categorizing as "Franco American," "White Anglo-Saxon Protestant" etc. is totally unnecessary and is, in fact, discrimination on your part. Yes, you who make these statements are in a sense discriminating. Let's all be what we are — Americans — and no less!

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